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From: Chan, Anthea K.
Sent: Fri 7/29/2011 3:44:54 PM
Subject: RE: Boston Pill seizure [REDACTED]

Thanks, Annie. It definitely helps that you think you would have extrapolated the tablet count.

Thanks again for looking into the matter for me. I'll talk to you soon.
Have a nice weekend!

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From: Khan, Annie (DPH) [mailto:annie.khan@state.ma.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Chan, Anthea K.
Cc: Moriwaki, William M.; Matthies, Morgan T.
Subject: RE: Boston Pill seizure [REDACTED]

Hi Anthea,

Based on the information you have provided, I can only speculate to my analysis.

First, I would have obtained a net wt of all the pills together and then randomly chosen 5 pills to analyze. I would have then weighed each of the 5 pills and extrapolate the count (# of pills) based on the average.

I will retrieve my notes and chain of custody for this case, which usually takes a day or so. I should have a more precise answers to your questions, hopefully by Monday.

Currently, I am in the mist of writing protocols and doing analyses for both the Chemical Terrorism and Drug Labs, the easiest way to contact me is either by email or my cell # [REDACTED], at anytime.

Thanks for being patient with me.

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From: Chan, Anthea K. [Anthea.X.Chan@usdoj.gov]
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Hello Annie,

I am the DEA chemist working on the OC/80 tablets from your lab analysis
[REDACTED]

After opening the exhibit, I observed that there were five small bags, each with partial tablets, and one larger bag with numerous tablets. Looking at your report and the Boston Police evidence form, and then comparing those to the exhibit material I have on hand, I realized that there are discrepancies between all three. It appears that the BPD evidence form quoted 870 tablets of Oxycontin for this particular exhibit but your report states that you had 480 OC/80 tablets and the net weight reported was 127.10 grams. Based on my experience and on published info, the weight of an OC/80 tablet should be ~270mg (sometimes as low as 266mg as I have seen) which means that your net weight for 480 tablets was less than what I would have estimated it to be. I am not sure if, maybe, you had extrapolated the number of tablets in the exhibit? I am assuming that the five partial tablets were the ones that you conducted your analyses on but that all of these tablets came from the same container originally, and, if this is true, then there were 477 tablets in the exhibit (another chemist at our lab and I both counted 472 whole OC/80 tablets in the larger baggie). Maybe I'm missing something here or maybe you have more information that hasn't been provided that might help? Also, did you happen to contact BPD about the discrepancy between your tablet count and their description? If so, is there a record of this? I am attaching a photo of the BPD form and a photo of the exhibit after I had opened it as I hope it will help.

I would like, of course, to understand how these discrepancies came about. I realize that your analysis was performed over a year ago, but I hope that you can help us out since I'm reanalyzing the exhibit and these details could prove to be important at a later time.

Thanks so much in advance for your help and your time!

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